



## SUGGESTION/PROPOSAL FORM

SIGFC AGM Set Down for August 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 10.00am

Coffs Harbour Yacht Club

### **THIS FORM MUST BE LODGED WITH**

The Secretary, Solitary Islands GFC via email to [admin@coffsyachtie.com.au](mailto:admin@coffsyachtie.com.au) or Solitary Islands GFC, Coffs Harbour Jetty LPO, PO Box 4152, COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450

**By 5PM on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

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OF  
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### **Make the Following Proposal**

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To change the club pointscore system to award zero points for capture of billfish and sharks.

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NOTE 1: This would only apply to Billfish and Sharks, and the rules for tag and release of billfish and sharks, and for tag and release and capture all other gamefish species would remain unchanged.

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NOTE 2: Individual crews would still have the option of capturing and weighing billfish or sharks if they wished, but no club angling points would be awarded.

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### **Rationale**

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Recreational fishing is under increasing pressure from conservation groups and regulators to adopt and adhere to increasingly onerous restrictions. Our club already has one of the highest Tag and Release to Capture ratios with regard to billfish and sharks, so formally adopting this policy would have almost no impact on the way the club operates and fishes, but would have high visibility, and would position the club at the leading edge of sustainability and conservation with regard to peak predatory species. By becoming a leader in responsible game fishing, our club may be invited to the table when discussions are held regarding marine parks, game fishing regulations etc. This would seriously increase the club's national (and potentially international) visibility and credibility when participating with the likes of Recfish, ANSA, IGFA GFAA etc.  
See the attached notes...

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**Any additional details to aid in the club considering this request?**

1. See attached additional notes and explanation.

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2. The following SIGFC By-Laws would require amendment: Paras 5, 9, 10 and 11

3. The following sections of the SIGFC Fishing Rules would require amendment: Preamble, Para 3.5

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4. If voted in at the AGM, the proposer would undertake to draft all of the required changes and amendments to club documentation and submit them for publication on the club website by the start of the club's fishing season on 1 September 2016.

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